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SUBJ: HOUSING FOR SEA BEES

1. LEASE S-23FBO-343, COVERING RESIDENCE FOR SEA BEE THOMAS MARLE, E-6, EXPIRES MAY 31, 1977, AND CONTAINS NO RENEWAL OPTIONS. CURRENT RENTAL \$2,581 PER ANNUM (DRS. 37.20 TO \$1,00) IS BY FAR THE LOWEST RENT PAID BY POST FOR SIMILAR QUARTERS.
 2. POST INTERESTED ASSURING CONTINUITY OCCUPANCY THIS RESIDENCE FOR SEA BEE MARKLE AND HIS REPLACEMENT. MARKLE IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART THE POST IN AUG 1977.
 3. OWNER WILLING EXTEND LEASE THIS HOUSE, UPON EXPIRATION, FOR FOUR YEARS, AT \$4,194 PER ANNUM FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS AND \$4,516 PER ANNUM FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS.
 4. THERE IS A SHARP INCREASE IN THE CURRENT ATHENS RENTAL RATE AND SUITABLE QUARTERS ARE SCARCE. POST CONSIDERS OWNER'S PROPOSAL MOST REASONABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT. EMBASSY RENTAL CONTROL BOARD CONCURS.
 5. REPORT ON OTHER CURRENT SEA BEE LEASES FOLLOWS:
 - A. POST CANCELLING LEASE S-23FBO-358 ON FEB 15, 77. THIS IS THE DEPARTURE DATE FOR PRESENT OCCUPANT, SEA BEE HARRIS. THIS RESIDENCE IS UNSATISFACTORY DUE TO LOCATION AND DISTANCE FROM THE EMBASSY. WE NOW HAVE A PROBLEM OF LOCATING A HOUSE FOR HARRIS' REPLACEMENT WHO IS DUE TO ARRIVE AT POST IN JAN 77.
 - B. OWNER WILL NOT EXTEND LEASE S-23FBO-359, COVERING SEA BEE GREEN'S RESIDENCE, UPON EXPIRATION ON SEPT 30, 1978.
 - C. LEASE ON SEA BEE SMITH'S RESIDENCE NO S-23FBO-354 EXPIRES MAY 15, 1977 AND HAS NO RENEWAL OPTIONS. PRESENT RENTAL \$3,226 PER ANNUM. INITIAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH OWNERS INDICATE RAISE IN RENT UP TO \$6,452 PER ANNUM FOR A 3-YEAR PERIOD. POST WILL REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FROM THE DEPT ON THIS MATTER, IF NECESSARY,
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AFTER EXPLORING ALL POSSIBILITIES AND CONCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS

WITH LESSOR.

6. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE DEPT'S APPROVAL EXTEND LEASE
S-23FBO-343 URGENTLY REQUESTED. ONWER WILL AWAIT OUR DECISION
UNTIL DEC 15, 1976.

7. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF CONTENTS OF STATE 286895 AND IS ACTIVELY
PURSUING POTENTIAL PROPERTY (APARTENTS, ETC.) SUITABLE FOR
US GOVERNMENT PURCHASE. HOWEVER, TIMING CONSIDERATIONS ARE
SUCH THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO PROCEED AS INDIATED ABOVE FOR
MARKLE AND HIS REPLACEMENT.

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